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Michael oversees Disney Citizenship's strategic programs, with the goal of maintaining Disney's reputation as one of the most admired and socially responsible companies in the world. Prior to joining The Walt Disney Company, Michael worked for President Barack Obama for nearly a decade. He first met the President and Mrs. Obama during their work together in the Chicago legal community, and served as a top advisor to the President from his earliest days in the Senate and throughout his journey to the White House.

In the White House, Michael served as a Deputy Assistant to the President and Counselor for Strategic Engagement to the President's Senior Advisor, Valerie Jarrett. In this role, he helped build partnerships with nonprofits and community organizations across the nation, and was an important architect of the President's agenda on fatherhood, mentoring, and youth violence. Michael worked closely with Ms. Jarrett to develop strong working relationships with leaders from the business and advocacy community, academia, and philanthropy. Prior to working with President Obama, Michael practiced law in Chicago and served in the Clinton Administration as an advisor to the General Counsel at the United States Agency for International Development. Michael received a B.S. from the University of Illinois, and a J.D. from the University Of Illinois College Of Law. Today, Michael lives in Southern California with his family, and serves on the Board of Directors of the LA River Revitalization Corporation.